

CS/HB 7129 — Military Support

by Economic Development and Community Affairs Policy Council and Reps. Hukill, Murzin, and others (CS/SB 1126 by Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee and Senator Altman)

The bill specifies which local governments are associated with and affected by Florida's military bases and authorizes commanding officers to request copies of variances and waivers from local governments that may affect the military installation. The bill requires local governments that fail to meet the future land use element requirements by June 30, 2012, to enter into mediation and creates the potential for sanctions from the Administration Commission.

The bill protects the homestead exemption of active duty military and their spouses and allows spouses to receive a temporary professional license if they are accompanying their active duty service member to a Florida military installation. The bill authorizes the Adjutant General to establish a second Assistant Adjutant General position and changes the body that accredits educational institutions authorized under the National Guard's education program.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 109-0